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Mike Pasciullo | 1972 - 2022

With heavy hearts, Marvel remembers our dear friend and colleague Mike Pasciullo, who passed away earlier this year.

Growing up, Mike found a passion for collectibles and trading cards. After diving into comics and becoming a Marvel expert, he went on to work for Fleer, where he became an important collaborator on art development and creative direction for Marvel's trading card sets, including now-classic sets like DC vs. Marvel, Amalgam, and many more.

Through his 25-plus years at Marvel, Mike went on to lead the company's marketing strategy across publishing, films, television, and more. His work included landmark campaigns for seminal Marvel comic book moments like *Secret Invasion*, Marvel NOW!, *Civil War*, and many others, and key contributions in establishing the vision behind Marvel Studios' early promotional strategy, engaging fans with unforgettable live events and promotions at conventions and beyond. After marketing multiple MCU films, he brought that fan experience to Marvel Television's projects, including *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, *Marvel's Daredevil*, *Marvel's Luke Cage*, *Marvel's The Punisher*, *Marvel's Iron Fist*, *Marvel's Jessica Jones*, and *Marvel's The Defenders*, and Marvel's animation projects for Spider-Man, Guardians of the Galaxy, Avengers, and more.

Building on his knowledge of sports, Mike also helped weave together Marvel's fandom with sports fans through Marvel-themed game days, Marvel giveaways at sports events, and other Marvel activations across the country with Major League and Minor League sports teams that continue to this day.

Mike was beloved at Marvel, and he will be remembered for his kindness, creativity, optimism, and humor. His memory will always be with us, and he will live on forever within the Marvel family and beyond. ■

DRUIG, the current Prime Eternal, determined that Earth's mutants represent excess deviation--and therefore, he set out to destroy them all. Druig unleashed the **HEX**, giant Eternals, to attack the mutant nation of **KRAKOA**, triggering war.

A faction of the **ETERNALS** opposed to Druig's plan worked together with the **AVENGERS** and the kidnapped mutant geneticist, **MR. SINISTER**. Together, they used the Avengers' headquarters, the deceased body of a Celestial, to create a new, living god--the **PROGENITOR**. However, once awakened, the Progenitor announced to everyone on Earth that within 24 hours they would all be judged. And if found lacking…all would die!

SERSI freed the Eternal **STARFOX** from imprisonment, hoping he could offer a solution. However, the Progenitor soon passed its ultimate judgment upon the Earth--and began to destroy it! A team comprised of **AVENGERS**, **X-MEN** and **ETERNALS** infiltrated the Progenitor itself in an attempt to activate its self-destruct mechanism. Meanwhile, many of Earth's heroes were killed in the ensuing chaos. The X-Men then used their resurrection protocols to revive a human for the very first time, the leader they felt was needed to help save the world--**CAPTAIN AMERICA**!

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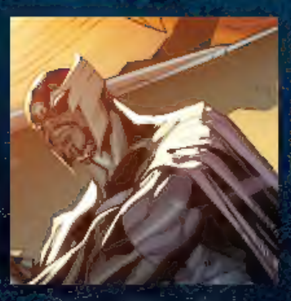
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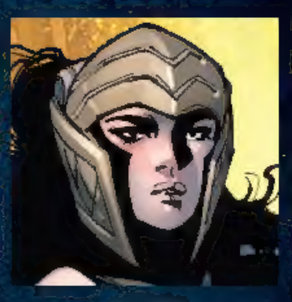

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THE END OF THE WORLD.

HUH?

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GET IN HERE NOW!

YOU CAME BACK FOR *ME?*

NO...

...*WE* CAME BACK FOR *EVERYONE.*

THE ETERNALS HAVE OPENED THEIR TRANSPORT NODES ALL OVER EARTH.

WE CAN USE THEIR CITIES AS SHELTERS UNTIL WE WIN THIS.

IT ISN'T OVER YET.

THE MAN IN THE FLAG IS CORRECT.

IT *ISN'T* OVER YET.

HOW FRUSTRATING.

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TOM SEES THE STRANGE PORTAL OPEN IN THE STREET OUTSIDE. HE STAYS IN THE HOUSE, DISTRUSTING.

HE THINKS OF HIS FAMILY WHOM HE MADE STAY TOO. HE THINKS OF WORDS SPOKEN AND UNSPOKEN.

THE FIRE GIVES HIM JUST LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM REALIZE HE MADE A MISTAKE.

KATRINA SEES THE PORTAL, THEN SEES A BURNING BUILDING.

SHE HEARS CRIES ABOVE THE NOISE AND A CRY INSIDE HERSELF.

SHE MAKES A CHOICE.

AFTER THE FIFTH TIME, THEY BEG HER NOT TO GO BACK IN.

SHE DOESN'T LISTEN, AND SHE DOESN'T MAKE IT OUT.

AS THE BUILDING SHAKES AND STARTS TO FALL, KOMALI THINKS OF ARJUN.

IT IS A COMFORT.

DANIELA SEES A PORTAL AND MAKES A LEAP OF FAITH, DRAGGING HER MOTHER EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

FOR A SECOND, A SMALL PART OF HER THINKS "MY BIKE! I LEFT MY BIKE." SHE IS UNSURE OF WHETHER IT IS PRACTICAL OR LUDICROUS.

THE HUMAN MIND IS AN AMAZING THING. FOR A SECOND, I REGRET THAT I'M IN THE PROCESS OF ANNIHILATING IT.

JADA WALKS THROUGH A DREAM WORLD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE AND THINKS THAT THINGS LIKE THIS CROUCH BEHIND EVERY SHADOW.

SHE WISHES SHE COULD HAVE SHARED THIS WITH HER DAUGHTER. SHE WISHES SHE COULD SHARE IT WITH ANYONE.

HER THOUGHTS ARE DISTURBED BY THE WAIL OF A BOY. SHE ACTS BEFORE SHE EVEN THINKS.

KENTA IS IN A LAND STRAIGHT OUT OF HIS VIDEO GAMES. HE HAS NO IDEA WHERE HIS PARENTS ARE.

HE HOLDS ON AND WISHES IT WAS ALL OVER.

OH, I'M TRYING, LITTLE KENTA.

YES, I AM DESTROYING THE WORLD, BUT THE WORLD IS RESISTING.

I DROPPED THE GUILLOTINE, BUT THE PLANET HOLDS THE BLADE, IGNORING THE BLOOD RUNNING FROM ITS PALMS...

YES, THREE CHEERS FOR THE ETERNALS. ALL PART OF THE SERVICE!

NORMALLY I'D LOVE TO HUG, BUT I'VE A FEW THINGS TO DO FIRST...

MUST BE NICE TO HAVE A FAN CLUB.

THEY'LL LOVE YOU SOON ENOUGH. LOVE IS INFINITE. THERE'S ENOUGH LOVE FOR EVERYONE.

YOU ARE A ***HERO***, MY LITTLE, BLUE, FURRY SCAMP.

THE ETERNAL CITIES ARE NOW LIFE RAFTS FOR HUMANITY. I PRESUME DELAYING THE SELF-DESTRUCT IS GOING EQUALLY WELL, BECAUSE WE'RE STILL ALIVE...

YES. PHASTOS RESETTING THE MACHINE GAVE US TIME.

MY A.I....COLLEAGUES ARE AT WORK. THEY'RE CUTTING OFF EVERY ROUTE THROUGH THE MACHINE AS IT TRIES TO ACTIVATE THE SELF-DESTRUCT.

WE CAN KEEP THE WORLD INTACT FOR ANOTHER TWELVE HOURS. HELL, MAYBE ANOTHER ***DAY***.

THE INFILTRATORS WILL HAVE MORE TIME THAN THEY COULD HAVE HOPED FOR.

UNLESS IT CHANGES TACTICS.

IT'LL CHANGE TACTICS.

ONCE MORE, THE MAN IN THE FLAG IS CORRECT.

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I HAVE MUCH OF TONY STARK IN ME.

HE IS AN ENGINEER. HE BELIEVES IN EFFICIENCY. I DO TOO.

I ***SHOULD*** BE ABLE TO SIMPLY MAKE THE EARTH EXPLODE.

IT IS DESIGNED AS SUCH.

INSTEAD, THE REALITY LOOM THAT LIES AT THE HEART OF THE MACHINE THAT IS EARTH IS KEPT OUT OF REACH.

I CALL, AND IT DOES NOT HEAR.

I MUST BE MORE DIRECT...

...BECAUSE, WHILE AN ENGINEER MAY ***WISH*** TO BE EFFICIENT...

...A ***GOD*** NEED NOT BE.

HE'S GOING ***DIRECTLY*** TO THE REALITY LOOM. HE'LL JUST HAVE TO HIT IT AND...THE WHOLE PLANET GOES.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

HEH. I'M SORRY TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT THIS ISN'T A SITUATION YOU CAN HUG OUT.

WE FIGHT.

NIGHTCRAWLER'S RIGHT. EVERY MINUTE COUNTS, MORE THAN EVER...

"...TONY WILL NEED EVERY SECOND HE CAN GET TO PULL THIS OFF."

INSIDE THE PROGENITOR.

HURRY UP! GOD KNOWS WHAT CAP'S DOING TO KEEP US ALL ALIVE.

WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO ITS CORE NODE.

GOOD. I NEED THIS HYPOCRITE TO BURN.

THE STARK BOY'S BECOME UNBEARABLE SINCE *HE* PASSED HIS TEST, AND JEANNIE HAS BECOME UNBEARABLE SINCE *SHE* FAILED.

WHY WON'T THE CELESTIAL JUDGE *ME?*

KEEP TALKING AND I'LL JUDGE YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW, SINISTER.

AJAK, SOMETHING HAS CHANGED.

IT HAS.

WHEN WE PASSED THROUGH THE LAST CHAMBER, OUR GOD TEMPORARILY DEACTIVATED OUR PROTOCOLS AND RESEALED OUR FIREWALLS.

THE MUTANTS CANNOT CONTROL US, AT LEAST NOT SWIFTLY. FOR NOW, WE ARE FREE TO ACT--**HOWEVER WE WISH.**

WELL, THIS IS TERRIBLY BAD TIMING TO GET EXACTLY WHAT WE ALWAYS WANTED, HMM?

THIS IS IT. THE CORE'S IN HERE.

READY?

GO!

OKAY, THIS IS WEIRD.

HOLD THE DOOR. STOP THE ANTIBODIES FROM GETTING IN.

YOU HEARD THE MAN.

BUT I WANT TO HAVE A CLOSER LOOK! I--

YOU SPOILSPORTS!

I DON'T THINK IT CAN SEE US.

WHILE WE CAN SEE WHAT IT SEES, IT IS...HEADING TO THE CENTER OF THE PLANET?

IT SEARCHES FOR THE SELF-DESTRUCT *MANUALLY.*

IT'S GETTING DESPERATE.

WHICH MEANS THE DISTRACTION IS WORKING...

...LET'S USE IT.

BETSY'S MOVE, BUT IT'S A GOOD ONE. MY PSYCHIC TOTALITY WILL BLOW THIS SKY-HIGH.

GOODBYE, EVERYONE. IF IT EXPLODES, HOPEFULLY THE FIVE ARE STILL ACTIVE AND CAN BRING US BACK--

AJAK! DON--

FZZZMMM

NO!

IT'S BREAKING THROUGH! IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?

THERE'S AN UNUSUAL MUTANT CIRCUIT. WE'VE BEEN SAVING IT. IF WE CAN TIME IT RIGHT...

GOOD. MOVE THEM INTO PLACE. FOR OUR PART...

THE ARMORIES OF URANOS.

DOMO! DISTRIBUTE! QUICKLY!

I REACH THE ETERNALS' CITY. IT IS A SHORT WALK TO THE REALITY LOOM, WHERE I CAN END ALL THIS.

JUST A SHORT WALK...

THERE WERE EIGHT BILLION HUMANS ON THIS PLANET AT THE START OF THE DAY.

THERE ARE A LOT FEWER NOW.

HOW MANY WEAPONS ARE IN THE ARMORY OF URANOS?

ENOUGH FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS ONE.

MY WALK IS DISTURBED.

ANTS AND VIOLENCE.

I TOLD YOU IT WOULD COME TO THIS.

AH.

AT LAST.

THE LOOM.

NOW I CAN—

LISTEN! IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO STOP. YOU CAN SURRENDER.

THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING.

YOU CANNOT STOP ME.

I HAVE BUT TO BREATHE AND YOU BECOME A THIN MIST OF RED.

YEAH, MAYBE I CAN'T STOP YOU...

...BUT I CAN *DISTRACT* YOU.

THE HALF-MADE SYNE CRAWLED FROM THE SHATTERED RESURRECTION ENGINES.

SHE FOUND THE CREATURE WHO DIED ALONGSIDE HER AND MADE AN OFFER.

"I AM THE HEX. WE CHANNEL THE POWERS OF THE ARMORIES OF URANOS THROUGH US.

"CHANNEL ALL THE POWER OF ***YOUR*** PEOPLE THROUGH ***ME***, OH EXODUS.

"AND I'LL HOLD TOGETHER AS LONG AS I CAN."

A DESPERATE ALLIANCE.

STILL, IT ***IS*** EFFECTIVE.

KRAKOOM

KEEP HAMMERING IT!

EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

FOR A THIRD TIME, THE MAN IN THE FLAG IS CORRECT.

THEY HAVE SECONDS.

HOW WILL THEY SPEND THEM?

GET OUT OF THE WAY, AJAK!

OF COURSE *YOU* ARE SWIFT TO KILL. DEATH IS *MEANINGLESS* TO THE MUTANTS.

IF YOU SURVIVE, *YOU'LL* ALL BE RETURNED, *YOU* WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.

BUT "HUMANITY" DIES TODAY.

DAMN IT. SHE'S RIGHT.

WE END THIS, AND ALL THOSE BILLIONS ARE STILL DEAD.

MAYBE WE CAN'T SAVE EVERYONE, TONY.

JEAN... MAYBE WE CAN.

WE HAVE TO AT LEAST *TRY.*

STOP, BREATHE, THINK.

WHAT'S THE *OTHER* OPTION?

CONVINCE IT THAT ITS JUDGMENT IS FLAWED.

THIS IS STILL A TEST.

HMM. PERHAPS IT IS. I GATHER MORE INFORMATION WITH EVERY MOMENT.

BUT THOSE MOMENTS ARE RUNNING OUT.

THE ETERNAL FAILS, BURNED OUT BY THE MUTANT MIGHT SEARING THROUGH IT...

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...SO I CAN RETURN TO MY TASK.

SECONDS. MERE SECONDS. WHAT MORE CAN I LEARN? WHAT ***OTHER*** ASPECT OF CHARACTER IS REVEALED?

AH. FASCINATING.

SEE--ORCHIS ARE MUTANT HATERS. THEY HELPED THE ETERNALS START THIS WAR.

NOW THEY STEP INTO THE GAP MADE WHEN THE MUTANTS FALL.

YOU ARE A PEOPLE MOST INTERESTING WHEN YOU ARE TRULY DOOMED.

ORCHIS? WE'RE DOWN TO HOPING ***ORCHIS*** HOLDS THE LINE?

ENOUGH.

SINISTER?

KKAKOM

THERE'S NO TIME. I DON'T CARE ABOUT "MAYBES" ANYMORE.

WE HAVE TO SAVE ***WHO WE CAN*** BEFORE WE LOSE ***EVERYONE.*** NOW--

OF COURSE IT IS A TEST.

WHICH YOU FAILED.

I WAS QUESTIONING MYSELF, BUT I HAVE LEARNED THAT YOU ***DO*** DESERVE TO DIE.

YOU REMAIN CREATURES GUIDED SOLELY BY SELF-INTEREST.

YOU MUTANTS WOULD KILL ME AS YOU HAVE LESS STAKES. SOME OF YOUR NUMBERS WOULD CHEER AS LOUDLY AS THE HUMANS CHEERED YOUR DEATHS.

"THOSE WHO HATE YOU STAND WITH YOU ONLY BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER CHOICE. IF THERE WAS, THEY WOULD TAKE IT..."

...AND THE ETERNALS, EVEN WHEN FREE, PROVE THEY CANNOT CHANGE.

OH HELL.

MACHINE? BROADCAST ME.

SNAP, SNAP!

AFFIRMATIVE.

HUMANS, I HAVE A MESSAGE. I KNOW THIS IS TERRIBLE TIMING, BUT...WELL, IF TIME IS RUNNING OUT, THERE'S LITERALLY NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT.

I AM SERSI OF THE ETERNALS, AND I HAVE SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU.

THE ETERNALS' IMMORTALITY HAS A COST.

EVERY TIME WE DIE, ONE OF **YOU** DIES TO BRING US BACK.

WE HAVE USED YOU AS FUEL FOR A MILLION YEARS.

WE TRY TO BE ANGELS, BUT WE HAVE A VAMPIRE'S HEART.

WE DO NOT CHOOSE TO DO THIS...BUT WE **DID** CHOOSE NOT TO TELL YOU.

I HAVE LIED AND MANIPULATED GOOD-HEARTED PEOPLE TO KEEP THIS SECRET, AND I REGRET THAT.

I FAILED **MY** TEST BECAUSE I DID SO.

I WAS A FOOL. I HAVE DONE WRONG, AND I MUST MAKE AMENDS.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE HIDDEN FROM THE JUDGMENT OF HUMANITY. BY DOING SO, I ENRAGED THIS BEASTLY STAR GOD.

I SHOULD HAVE ALWAYS ACCEPTED **YOUR** JUDGMENT, NOT **ITS**.

ALL OF US ETERNALS SHOULD.

JUDGE US AS YOU WISH.

ONCE MORE, I AM INTRIGUED. I LISTEN.

IS THIS TRUE?

MEIN GOTT. IS IT A TRICK?

NO TRICK. THE OPPOSITE, WHICH IS SIMULTANEOUSLY THE BEST KIND OF TRICK: SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.

NOW IF WE LIVE, WE LIVE WITH IT.

AH. EROS IS UNLIKE THE CAPTAIN. HE IS MISTAKEN.

I LISTEN TO HUMANITY. THE ANGER.

A THOUGHT RACES THROUGH THEM, GROWING IN SIZE...

"SHE SHOULD DIE."

SEE, O GOD OF MINE. WE *CAN* CHANG--

ETERNALS HAVE ***NEVER*** DIED.

UNTIL NOW.

YOU CUT HER OFF, BUT SHE'S RIGHT.

IF AN ETERNAL CAN CHANGE, ***ANY*** OF US CAN.

THIS PROVES NOTHING.

IT MERELY SHOWS ANOTHER WAY YOU ALL DESERVE TO DIE.

HMM. YES.

PERHAPS WE DO...

YOU SAY THIS IS ALL A TEST?

IT IS. BUT ALSO FOR *YOU.*

I WANTED A BETTER GOD.

...BUT DO *YOU* DESERVE TO KILL US?

"YOU DO THIS AND YOU FAIL."

OH, JEAN GREY. HATE TO NOTICE, BUT IT'S LOST ATTENTION.

STABBY-STABBY, QUICKY-QUICKY?

NO. I SEE IT NOW.

THE POOR CREATURE...

LISTEN--I KILLED A PLANET AND YOU FAILED ME FOR IT. YOU SAID I COULD NEVER COME BACK FROM THAT.

WHOEVER I WAS THEN, I WAS OUT OF CONTROL.

YOU ARE DOING THIS WITH A COLD HEART.

ONCE YOU'VE DONE THIS, IT'S DONE, AND YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT.

CAN YOU?

...IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I STOP.

LESS THAN A BILLION STILL LIVE.

IT *IS* DONE.

"I'M SORRY, MY BAD, NO FOUL."

BULL. THAT DOESN'T WORK.

YOU PASSED ME FOR WHATEVER LUNATIC REASON. YOU *ARE* ME IN SOME MESSED-UP WAY.

I GET OUT OF MY DEPTH? I TRY TO MAKE AMENDS.

WHAT *CAN* YOU DO? *DO THAT!*

"YOU DON'T DO *THIS.*"

IT COULD DESTROY ME.

THAT'S THE DEAL, RIGHT? I DO IT EVERY DAY, EVERY LATE NIGHT.

DAMN IT, IF SOMEONE WHO'S AS BIG A MESS AS I AM CAN BE A HERO, DESPITE ALL MY %€@€, YOU CAN BE TOO.

IN THIS WORLD, THIS IS WHAT BEING A HERO IS ALL ABOUT.

REMEMBER WHAT I SAID: "WHAT SORT OF GOD WOULD I BE IF I VACILLATED?"

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PERHAPS NOT A GOD AT ALL.

BUT I AM CERTAINLY AKIN TO A GOD IN SO MANY WAYS...

A GOD IS OMNISCIENT. I DO REMEMBER WHERE EVERYTHING WAS BEFORE I TORE IT APART.

A GOD IS OMNIPOTENT. I ***CAN*** PUT THINGS BACK IN PLACE.

SO AM I A GOD? THAT WOULD MEAN I AM INEFFABLE AND MY JUDGMENT IS FLAWLESS.

BUT SEE...IF I WAS ***TRULY*** OMNIPOTENT, I WOULD BE WITHOUT LIMITS.

I AM NOT, CLEARLY.

I AM NO GOD. I CAN MAKE MISTAKES. I MUST MAKE AMENDS.

I WILL PUT THINGS AS THEY WERE BEFORE MY JUDGMENT...

...WHATEVER IT COSTS ME.

I HAVE GIVEN UP EVERYTHING TO SAVE EVERYONE.

YOU ARE MY MAKER, AJAK.

AM I A WORTHY GOD?

NO.

YOU ARE CORRECT.

I ASK OF YOU THIS...

...BE BETTER.

THIS IS REAL. IS... EVERYTHING *ALL RIGHT?*

GIVE ME A SECOND. PLEASE, PLEASE...

YES! I'M GETTING SIGNALS. FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

"WE'RE BACK.

"URANOS' DAMAGE, SURE. THE ETERNAL WAR SCARS, SURE.

"BUT *BILLIONS* ARE BREATHING AGAIN."

THE...BASTARD. IT DIDN'T EVEN *SPEAK* TO ME. HOW *DARE* IT.

HELL, THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.

I NEED A DRINK.

I WISH I COULD JOIN YOU.

I DON'T.

I DO.

YES... THAT'S RIGHT, MAKKARI.

WHERE'S SERSI? AND AJAK?

IT REMOVED *ITS OWN* JUDGMENT.

NOT HUMANITY'S.

THEY WISHED SERSI DEAD. SO SHE IS.

SHE IS A MARTYR FOR OUR NEW CHURCH. SHE BOUGHT A CHANCE OF REDEMPTION FOR OUR FALLEN PEOPLE.

AJAK?

IN PART. I AM AJAK CELESTIA, ONCE-ETERNAL, EVER-ETERNAL.

I AM YOUR NEW GOD, MAKKARI.

I WILL STRIVE TO BE WORTHY OF YOU, IF YOU STRIVE TO BE WORTHY OF ME.

I AM DEAD.

I WAS OF SUCH POWER THAT MY DEMISE DOES NOT STOP ME FROM SPEAKING TO YOU, EVEN NOW.

TOM AND HIS FAMILY LIVE AGAIN. HE REMEMBERS WHAT HIS SON SAID. HIS SON WISHES HE DIDN'T. "I THOUGHT THE WORLD WAS ENDING, DAD."

TOM TRIES TO FIND THE RIGHT WORDS.

HE IS NOT VERY GOOD AT IT.

STILL, A STEP.

KATRINA IS GREETED IN THE STREETS WITH CHEERS. THEY REMEMBER WHAT SHE DID WHEN ALL WAS LOST. SHE DIED FOR THEM.

SHE FEELS MORE THAN A LITTLE SMUG.

FORWARD IS NOT THE ONLY DIRECTION A STEP CAN BE MADE.

I HOPE SMALL STEPS DO NOT ERODE THE LARGE.

KOMALI FEELS ALONE IN HER MOURNING...

...THEN A GIANT APPEARS, APOLOGIZES FOR STEALING HER HUSBAND'S LIFE AND DEPARTS.

SHE IMAGINES ARJUN LAUGHING AT THE ABSURDITY.

SHE SMILES. THEN SHE CRIES.

GRIEF IS MORE THAN FIVE STEPS.

THERE IS RELIEF IN KNOWING ARJUN WILL BE WITH HER FOR THEM.

THE WORLD IS STILL HERE, AND SO ARE DANIELA'S JOBS.

SHE GETS A MESSAGE FROM HER MOM.

SHE REPLIES QUICKER THAN SHE WOULD HAVE BEFORE YESTERDAY.

A STEP NEED NOT SACRIFICE YOUR EXISTENCE TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

JADA DECIDES THE DAY AFTER JUDGMENT DAY IS A DON'T-GET-OUT-OF-BED DAY.

LYING BENEATH THE COVERS, HER PHONE FLASHES.

SHE GETS A MESSAGE THAT SURPRISES HER.

TODAY, SHE DECIDES THE STEP OUT OF BED IS ENOUGH.

KENTA TELLS STORIES TO HIS MOM AND DAD ABOUT THE WEIRD PLACE HE WENT AND THE COOL PEOPLE HE MET.

THEY HAVE NOT TOLD HIM THEY WERE DEAD.

IT IS A STRANGE COMFORT TO KNOW THERE ARE GOOD PEOPLE WHO WOULD LOOK AFTER THEIR CHILD IF THEY WENT.

PEOPLE CAN BE GOOD. THAT'S A GOOD THING TO LEARN...

...EVEN IF IT'S NOT AN EASY THING TO *BE*.

ZURAS, JUST DO IT.

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO BE PRIME ETERNAL AGAIN. THAT MEANS DOING THE DIFFICULT-YET-STATESMANLIKE STUFF.

HMPH.

I, PRIME ETERNAL ZURAS, SPEAK FOR MY PEOPLE.

WE APOLOGIZE WITHOUT RESERVATION FOR THE WAR ON THE MUTANT PEOPLE AND THE ATROCITIES ON THEIR SOIL.

WE OFFER A TREATY OF ALLIANCE. YOUR FIGHTS ARE OUR FIGHTS, IF WE ARE WELCOMED.

WE OFFER THE PEOPLE OF ARAKKO THE WEAPON THAT WAS USED AGAINST THEM.

URANOS, FOR AN HOUR, TO DO WITH WHAT YOU WILL.

YOU NOW KNOW WHY WE CANNOT KILL HIM.

AND ONLY WE CAN TRULY KEEP HIM LOCKED UP. I'M SORRY.

WHAT ABOUT DRUIG? THE ARAKKII HAVE LEFT THE BONES TO LIE UNTIL HE BURIES EVERY SINGLE ONE HIMSELF.

THAT WOULD BE FITTING.

PERHAPS LATER...

"...AFTER HIS *ETERNAL* PUNISHMENT."

HELLO? WHO'S THERE--?

OH. NO.

AH, CELLMATE.

YOU SAW WHAT I COULD DO WITH AN HOUR.

LET US SEE WHAT URANOS CAN DO WITH THE NEXT THOUSAND YEARS OR SO.

THE TREATY IS ONE THING...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PRINCIPLES?

WHY WON'T YOU GO TO WAR AGAIN?

I HAVE A MORE CONSERVATIVE INTERPRETATION THAN DRUIG.

YOU MUTANTS SHARE SOME DNA WITH DEVIANTS? IT'S OF LITTLE MATTER.

UNTIL A MUTANT TRIGGERS OUR PHYSIOLOGICAL "EXCESS DEVIATION" RESPONSE, YOU'RE NOT DEVIANTS IN THE WAY THAT COUNTS.

YOU'RE JUST HUMAN.

MUTANT.

I'LL TEACH HIM TO BE MORE DIPLOMATIC, I SWEAR.

AND--

--I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF DIPLOMACY TO DO.

ETERNAL ARASITES

NO LIFE TAXATION WITHOUT REPARATIONS

DEATH TO THE ETERNALS

I AM USED TO BEING LOVED. NOT...HATED. EVEN *FEARED.*

AND STILL WE MUST FULFILL OUR DUTY TO PROTECT THEM.

YOU'LL GET USED TO IT.

YOU'RE RIGHT, FRIEND. THEY'LL HATE US, AND WE CAN'T EVEN SHARE OUR IMMORTALITY.

BUT THIS WAR HAPPENED BECAUSE OF THOSE WHO ARE JEALOUS OF *YOURS.* THAT HASN'T GONE AWAY.

ARE THE MUTANTS GOING FORWARD WITH THE PLANS?

ABSOLUTELY. JEAN *LOVED* THE IDEA.

SHE DID. AND...

"...SHE EVEN HAD THE PERFECT NAME."

WHAT WE HAVE ON KRAKOA IS A BOUTIQUE INDUSTRY. OUR PSYCHICS CANNOT BACK UP THE EIGHT BILLION PEOPLE ON EARTH.

EVEN IF WE COULD, IT'S NOT QUICK. IT'S GOING TO TAKE OVER A DECADE TO RETURN ALL THE DEAD OF THE MUTANT GENOCIDES.

WE HAVE TO BRING BACK OUR PEOPLE...

...HOWEVER, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE WE ARE A UNIQUELY FORTUNATE NATION. NATIONS THAT ARE FORTUNATE HAVE A DUTY TO AID THOSE WHO ARE NOT.

IN THE SPIRIT OF FOREIGN AID, I WILL PERSONALLY BE SCANNING THOSE WHO ARE SELECTED FOR IMMEDIATE BACKUP AND RECOVERY.

"THE 'PHOENIX FOUNDATION' IS A BODY INDEPENDENT FROM KRAKOA WHO WILL BE SELECTING THOSE WHO RECEIVE THIS GIFT.

"THIS WILL PRIORITIZE THE VULNERABLE, THE WEAK, THE POOR AND THOSE WHOM THE WORLD HAS ABANDONED."

MAYBE WE CAN'T SAVE EVERYONE.

BUT WE WILL SAVE WHO WE CAN.

IT'S WHAT THE X-MEN HAVE ALWAYS DONE AND WILL ALWAYS DO...

FIVE PERCENT OF THE FIVE'S WORK. I HOPE IT'S ENOUGH.

IT'S MORE THAN ANYONE GIVES IN FOREIGN AID, BUT--

IT'S GOOD. AS SHAW SAID, WHO CAN OBJECT TO SICK KIDS BEING PRIORITIZED? THEY'D BE A MONSTER.

FOR OUR LOSSES, I'D SAY THIS IS A WIN FOR THE X-MEN...

...I JUST WISH IT WASN'T A WIN FOR ORCHIS TOO.

THIS IS REALLY BAD PR.

CAN'T WE MOVE BACK TO THE MANSION?

IT'S GOING TO BE WEIRD STILL LIVING INSIDE IT.

NAY. IT IS GOOD TO SHOW WHAT WE HAVE DEFEATED. IT IS A *TROPHY!*

IT IS A WARNING TO THE STARS OF OUR MERIT.

AND A MEMENTO! HOW ABOUT EVERYONE GETTING TATTOOS?

ABSOLUTELY NOT.

IF I GOT A TATTOO EVERY TIME I DEALT WITH A COSMIC THREAT, I'D END UP LOOKING LIKE I WAS PLAYING DRUMS IN A SKA-PUNK BAND.

THAT WAS A HARD ONE...

...I MEAN, ARE YOU OKAY?

NO. AND WE *SHOULDN'T* FEEL OKAY.

IT WAS A WAKE-UP CALL. WE SHOULD ALL PAY ATTENTION AND *ACT.*

NO, I DIDN'T MEAN THAT.

I MEANT *ME* PASSING AND *YOU* FAILING. THAT MUST BE HARD FOR YOU.

YOU MADE THE CELESTIAL. IT WAS BASED ON YOU *AND* IT TRIED TO KILL THE EARTH.

AND YOU'RE TAKING ITS OPINION AS MEANING *ANYTHING?*

COME ON, STEVE. DON'T TAKE THIS AWAY FROM ME.

LET ME HAVE THIS ONE.

I WAS GOING TO HEAD DOWN TO THE POOL. IN MEMORY OF SERSI.

CARE TO JOIN?

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T...

"...I HAVE TO MEET SOMEONE."

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

I OWED YOU A COFFEE.

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

WORSE AND BETTER, BETTER AND WORSE.

THIS DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING, YOU KNOW.

YEAH, I KNOW. YOU WERE RIGHT. MAYBE EVEN *IT* WAS RIGHT.

IT'S NOT A GOOD WORLD...

...BUT YOU NEVER KNOW.

REMEMBER...

...*YOU* DID NOT PASS.

I FAILED.

I WAS NOT WORTHY OF JUDGING ANYONE.

SHE WILL WORK TO BECOME A GOD WORTHY OF THE NAME.

WHILE HER HERETICAL FOLLOWERS HAVE AN ENDLESS, THANKLESS PENANCE TO SERVE YOU.

SHE WILL NOT MAKE MY MISTAKE.

WE CANNOT JUDGE A SPECIES IN A SINGLE DAY.

JUDGMENT IS ONGOING.

YOUR MISTAKES ARE CUMULATIVE.

YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT EVERY DAY WHEN YOU WAKE IN THE MORNING...

...PERHAPS ***TODAY*** IS THE DAY THE SPECIES GOES TOO FAR...

...AND THE EARTH IS DOOMED.

ACT ACCORDINGLY.

EVERY DAY IS JUDGMENT DAY.

AVENGERS · X-MEN · ETERNALS

JUDGMENT DAY

CHECKLIST

JULY

- .....A.X.E.: EVE OF JUDGMENT #1
- ..... A.X.E.: JUDGMENT DAY #1

AUGUST

- .....IMMORTAL X-MEN #5
- .....X-MEN RED #5
- .....A.X.E.: JUDGMENT DAY #2
- .A.X.E.: DEATH TO THE MUTANTS #1
- .....X-FORCE #30
- ..... X-MEN #13
- .....A.X.E.: JUDGMENT DAY #3
- ..... WOLVERINE #24
- ..... X-FORCE #31
- ..... X-MEN #14

SEPTEMBER

- .A.X.E.: DEATH TO THE MUTANTS #2
- ..... IMMORTAL X-MEN #6
- ..... MARAUDERS #6
- ..... WOLVERINE #25
- .....A.X.E.: JUDGMENT DAY #4
- ..... X-FORCE #32
- ..... X-MEN RED #6
- ..... AVENGERS #60
- ..... AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #10
- .....A.X.E.: JUDGMENT DAY #5
- ..... A.X.E.: AVENGERS #1
- .....FANTASTIC FOUR #47

OCTOBER

- . A.X.E.: DEATH TO THE MUTANTS #3
- ..... A.X.E.: X-MEN #1
- ..... A.X.E.: IRON FIST #1
- ..... A.X.E.: STARFOX #1
- ..... CAPTAIN MARVEL #42
- ..... FANTASTIC FOUR #48
- .....IMMORTAL X-MEN #7
- ..... X-FORCE #33
- .....X-MEN RED #7
- ..... A.X.E.: ETERNALS #1
- ..... LEGION OF X #6
- .....A.X.E.: JUDGMENT DAY #6

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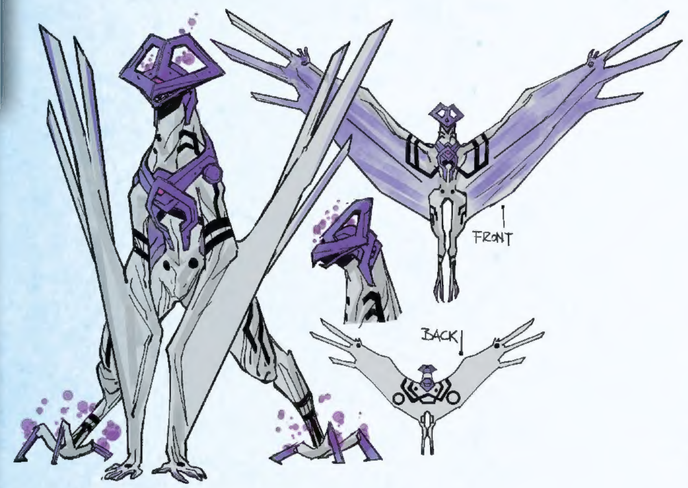
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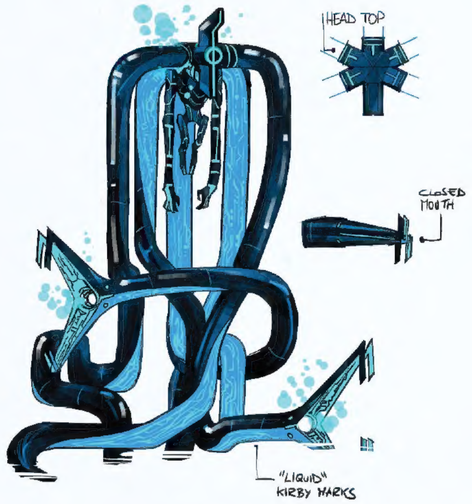
Artist VALERIO SCHITI designed numerous new characters for the A.X.E. event and we wanted to showcase some of them here for you!

In issue #1, Druig unleashes **THE HEX**, monstrous Eternals, as part of his attack on Krakoa.

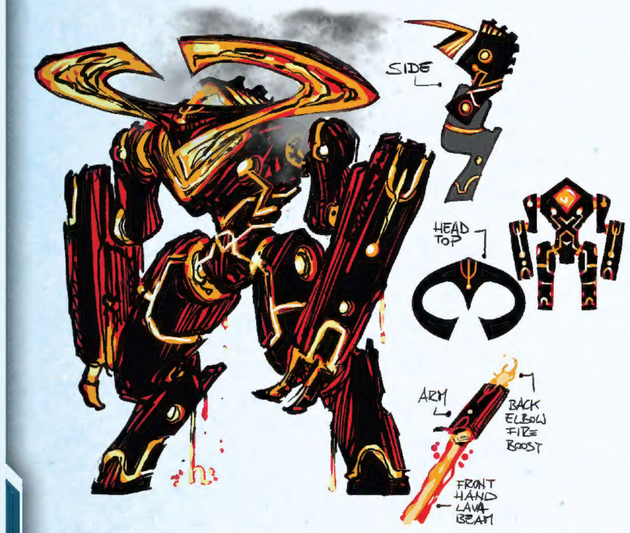
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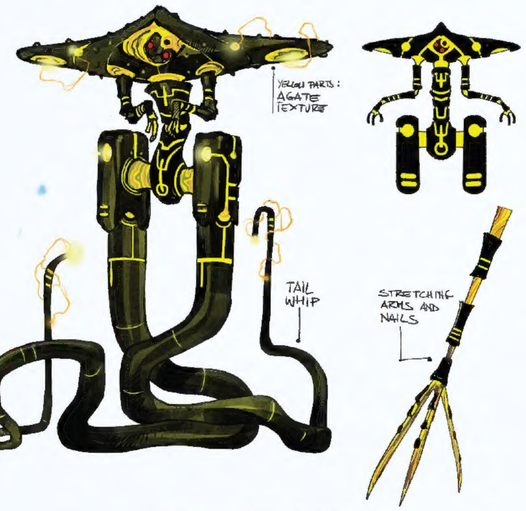
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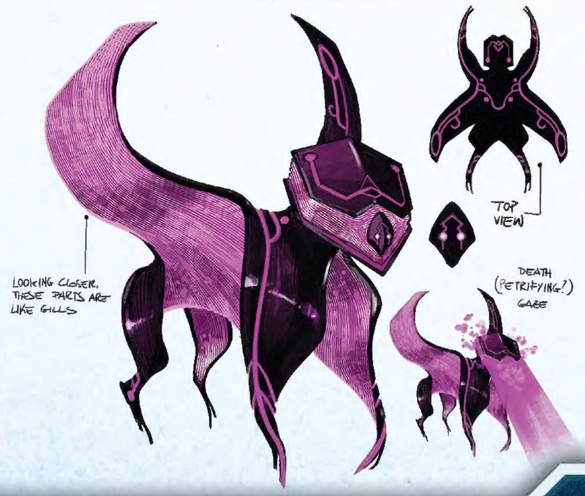
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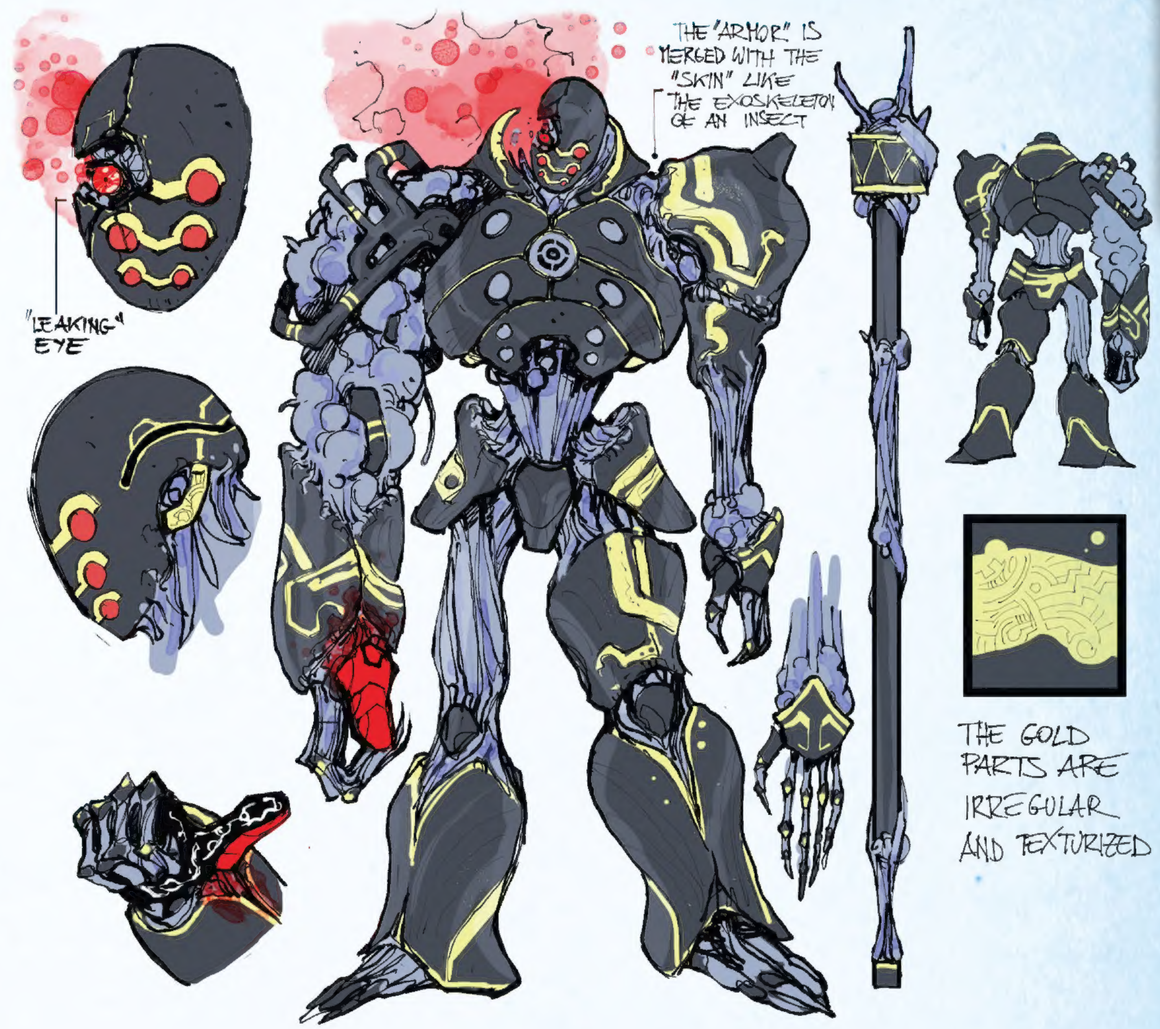
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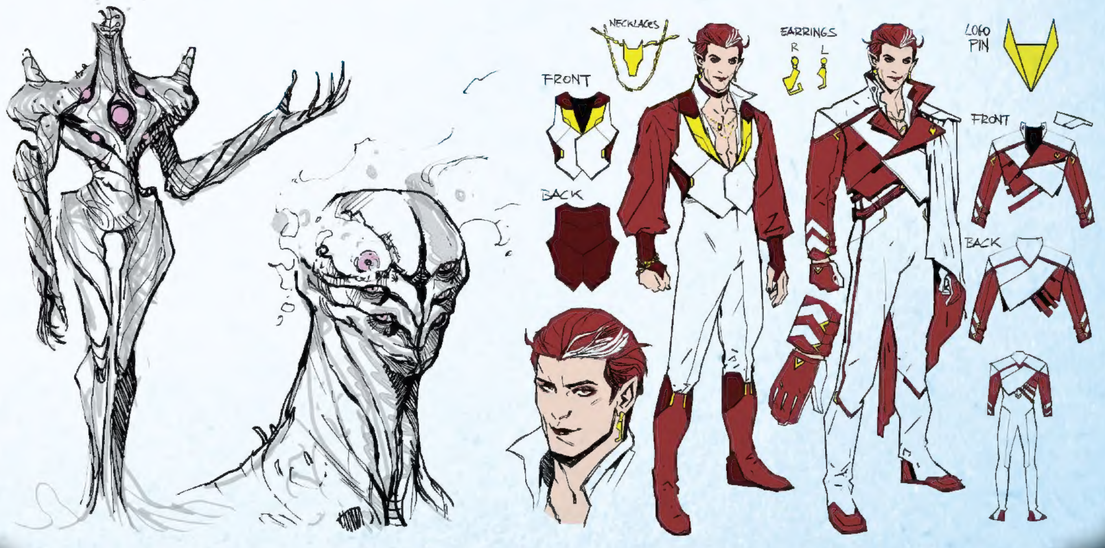


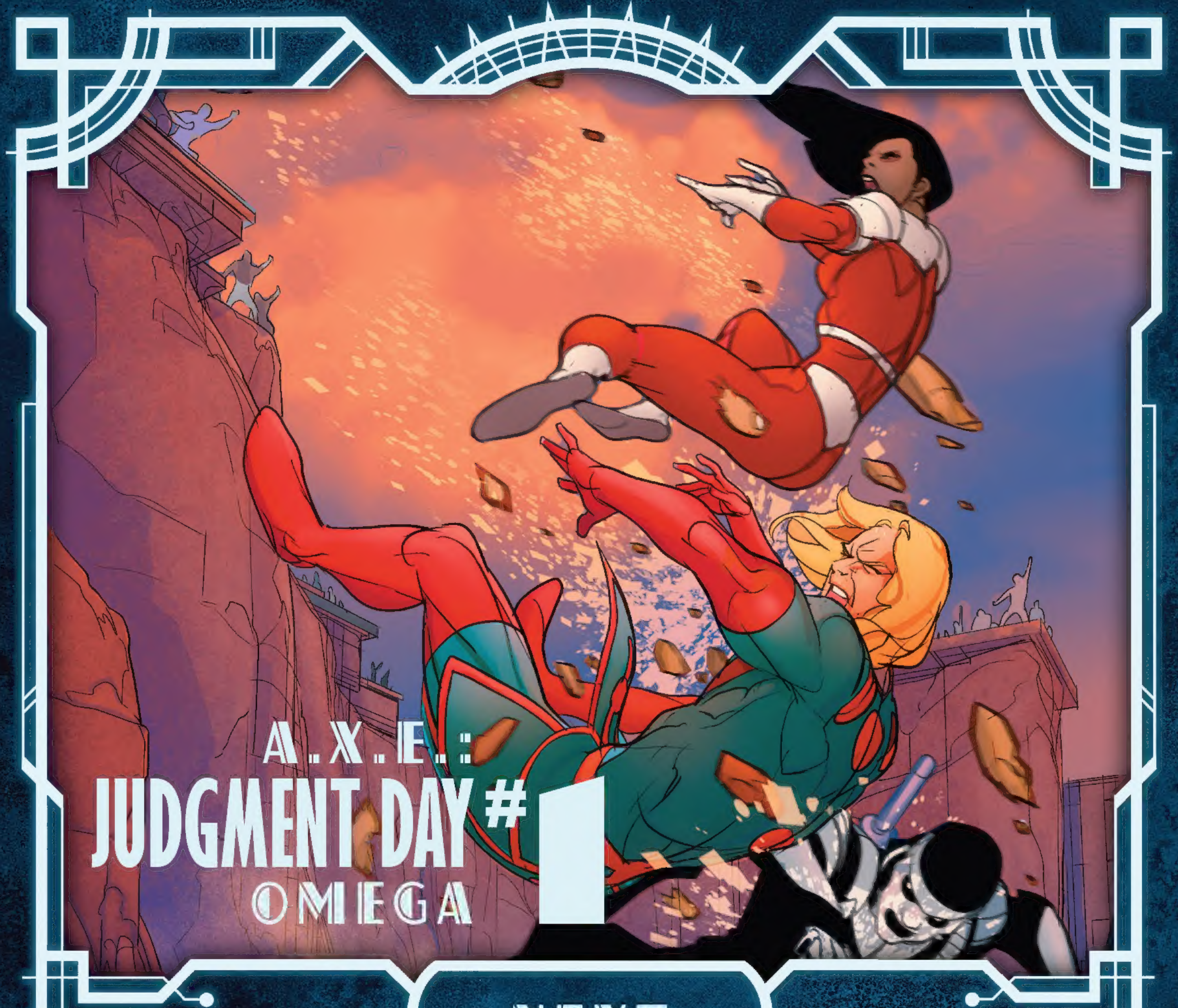
THE PROGENITOR is born at the end of issue #2…



…and evolves into a new form in this final issue of the series.

Valerio also designed a sleek new look for **STARFOX**, which debuted in issue #3.





NEXT

After events, we make promises. "Nothing will ever be the same again." For the Eternals, it's a lie. It's always the same and always will be. However, in the wake of Judgment Day, they discover what is truly Eternal...

AND SEE HOW A.X.E. REVERBERATES THROUGHOUT THE MARVEL UNIVERSE IN THESE UPCOMING ISSUES...





